

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Behavioral Science hereby amends Chapter 31, “Licensure of Marital and Family Therapists and Mental Health Counselors,” Chapter 32, “Continuing Education for Marital and Family Therapists and Mental Health Counselors,” and Chapter 33, “Discipline for Marital and Family Therapists and Mental Health Counselors,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments add the definition of “mental health setting,” define educational requirements for licensure for marital and family therapists and mental health counselors, remove from the continuing education chapter language that has been added to the common chapter for all disciplines in the Professional Licensure Division, and amend language in the discipline chapter to be consistent with the Iowa Code.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on March 9, 2011, as **ARC 9416B**. A public hearing was held on March 29, 2011, from 9:30 to 10 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room, Lucas State Office Building. Public comments were received on the proposed amendments. The Board met with concerned parties and a resolution was reached.

Since publication of the Notice, the following change has been made as a result of comments received.

In Item 1, the words “behavioral health” were added to the definition of “mental health setting.” The definition now reads as follows:

“*Mental health setting*’ means a behavioral health setting where an applicant is providing mental health services including the diagnosis, treatment, and assessment of emotional and mental health disorders and issues.”

These amendments were adopted by the Iowa Board of Behavioral Science on May 6, 2011.

These amendments will become effective July 6, 2011.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 21, 147, 154D and 272C.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [31.1, 31.4 to 31.7, 31.10(1), 32.4, 33.2(12)] is being omitted. With the exception of the change noted above, these amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 9416B**, IAB 3/9/11.

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